

POE



YOUNG WRITERS COMPETITION

Man, Myth, and Monster

Competition sponsored by the Library of Virginia and the Edgar Allan Poe Museum

OPEN TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Edgar Allan Poe is one of America's most notable literary figures. His poetry and short stories captured the imagination of his generation and have continued to inspire and intrigue reading audiences around the world. Poe is considered to be the founding father of the detective story with the remarkable success of his story "The Gold Bug," and a master of horror and science fiction writing. His classic works of lyric poetry, "The Raven" and "Annabel Lee," are haunting masterpieces that were warmly praised by both European and American readers during his lifetime and remain standards of American literary tradition.

In observance of the 200th anniversary of Edgar Allan Poe's birth, and the exhibition "Poe: Man, Myth, and Monster" featured at the Library of Virginia from July 20, 2009, through December 6, 2009, the Library and the Poe Museum present the "Poe: Man, Myth and Monster" Young Writers' Contest. High school students are invited to submit their poetry and short stories, written in the veins of the genres Poe mastered—mystery, science fiction, and horror.

THEME

Poetry and short stories representative of the genres that Edgar Allan Poe popularized—mystery, science fiction, or horror.

AWARD CATEGORIES

Grand Prize

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for poetry

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for short stories

People's Choice award for each division, decided by online voting

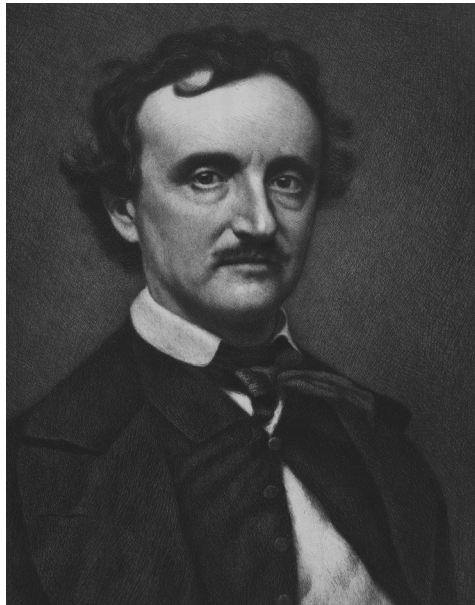
MONETARY AWARD, PRIZES, AND MEDIA SPONSORSHIP TO BE ANNOUNCED

TIMELINE

May 8, 2009—Entries due

June 1–12, 2009—Online voting for People's Choice Award at www.poe200th.com

July 20, 2009—Winners announced



CONTEST RULES

1. All entries must be original works that have not been published or submitted for publication anywhere else.
2. Entries must be received **NO LATER THAN MAY 8, 2009**, at 4:00 P.M. Entries may be mailed or delivered to Tameka Hobbs, 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia, 23219-8000, attn.: Poe Competition.
3. Complete submissions will include (1) a copy of the entry form, signed by both the entrant and the entrant's parent or guardian, (2) a printed copy of the entry without the name of the author, and (3) an electronic copy of the entry. Electronic submissions are accepted, but the original copy of the entry form must be received by the deadline to complete the submission.
4. All entries should be formatted to fit paper that is 8 1/2" by 11" with 1" margins on all sides.
5. The font used should be Times or Times New Roman in 12-point type size.
6. Short story submissions should be double-spaced.
7. The title of the work should be centered at the top of the first page of the entry.
8. Since the judging process will be "blind," the author's name **MUST NOT** appear on the entry. Instead the entries will be assigned tracking numbers.
9. Entrants may submit one work per category. Each entry must have its own entry form.
10. Each page must be numbered to indicate the number of the individual page and the number of total pages ("Page 1 of 3") and should include the title of the work.
11. No entry may be longer than 2,000 words.
12. All submissions should be written in English.
13. Entries must hold to a standard of decency. Submissions featuring foul, violent, racist, sexist, or sexually explicit language will not be accepted.
14. Entries will not be returned.
15. The Library of Virginia and the Poe Museum reserve the right to use the winners' (grand prize, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places) names and entries for promotional purposes in all forms of media without notice, review, approval, or compensation, except where prohibited by law. This includes the posting of submissions for public viewing and voting on the Internet.
16. Submissions will be evaluated for originality and creativity. Grammatical conventions must be observed.
17. Judging decisions are final.

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ENTRY FORM

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Student's Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Grade Level _____

School _____

Home Address _____

Home Telephone _____

Home E-mail Address _____

Title of Submission _____

Category (circle one) Short Story Poetry

In signing this entry form, I agree to the above-stated contest rules. I certify that my submission is my own original work. I understand that my entry may be posted online or printed in the local media for public viewing. I understand that my entry cannot be accepted without my signature and my parent's or guardian's signature. In signing this document, I authorize the Library of Virginia, the Library of Virginia Foundation, and the Poe Museum to use my name, my picture or likeness, and any statement I make for publication in any of the organizations' newsletter(s), magazines, Web sites, or promotional material, as well as publication by local media.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

I have read, understand, and accept the rules outlined above and I consent to allowing my child to participate in the Poe Young Writers' Competition.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

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